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(57) Abstract

The present invention refers to a method and an apparatus for switching data between bitstreams of a circuit switched synchronous time division multiplexing network. According to the invention, data read from a time slot of a first bitstream of said bitstreams is tagged with an identifier. For each one of at least a second and a third bitstream of said bitstreams it is then selected into which respective time slot thereof to transmit said data based upon said identifier.